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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF HK COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS ROLPH

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1. BEFORE I HAD SEEN REFTEL, BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT OUR WEEKLY
MEETING HAD INFORMED US OF ROLPH'S VISIT AND I SAID THAT I WOULD
BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE HIM AND WOULD DO EVERYTHIN G POSSIBLE TO
MAKE HIS VISIT HERE INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. I SAID THAT
IF HE WISHED TO VISIT BAN HOUET SAI WE WOULD HELP.

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS GRATEFUL AND DESCRIBED AT SOME LENGTH
THE GRAVITY WITH WHICH HONG KONG AUTHORITIES VIEW THE COLONY
BEING " FLOODED" WITH HEROIN.

3. I DESCRIBED FOR AMBASSADOR BREADTH OF U. S. ASSISTANCE GIVEN
LAO IN ANTI- NARCOTIC EFFECT, I. E. BNDD, AGRICULTURE, DIS-
INTOXICATION, CUSTOMS, POLICE, GSI, AND INQUIRED WHICH OF THESE
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MIGHT BE OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO ROLPH. BRITISH AMBASSADOR NOT
REPEAT NOT ABLE RESPOND. ANY INFORMATION HONG KONG MIGHT FURNISH
WOULD BE HELPFUL. GODLEY UNQUOTE ROGERS

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